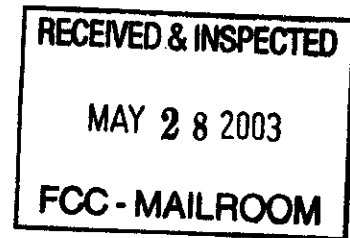


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Sincerely,

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Ronald W Ford  
36952 Greenbush Rd  
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Laura Zynda  
1311 Ardmore, #2  
Chicago, IL 60640

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am contacting you regarding the June 2 FCC review of the existing regulations of the media industry. Since the FCC is entrusted to serve the public interest, I, a public interest, have a few things to share. I do not think one company should be allowed to own both a TV station and a newspaper in the same market. One company should be limited in the number of radio stations it owns in a single market. One broadcaster should not be able to own more than 25% of multiple TV stations in the total households reached in the US. One company can own a limited number of both radio and TV stations in a single market. Two or more major broadcasters cannot merge or be owned by a single entity. This is not about private business interests. The media brings people information that affects their lives. Please do not further the monopolization of the media industry. Freedom of speech and access to information must be protected. Please, do your job in such a manner. Remember your duty to the public.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Laura Zynda

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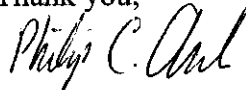
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
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Thank you,



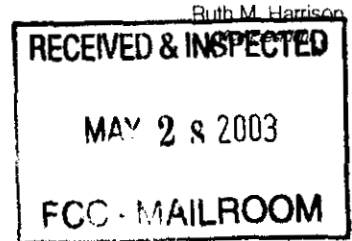
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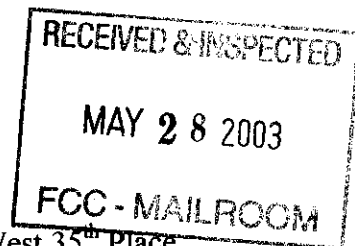


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|      | <p>Dear Mr. Powell,</p> <p>I am writing to ask you to please not change the broadcast rules governing ownership.</p> <p>I am opposed to large corporations gaining control of the media and not allowing free debate and differing points of view being heard on the air.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Bob Harrison Jr.</p> |        |

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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Please maintain current ownership limits and do everything in your power to increase localism, to block cross media acquisition, and increase the diversity of all media. Our constitution and the survival of our democracy require that you preserve this free exchange of ideas.

Sincerely yours,

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Stuart Adler, Ed.D.



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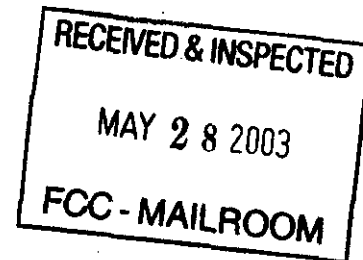
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Commissioner  
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445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554



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Sincerely,

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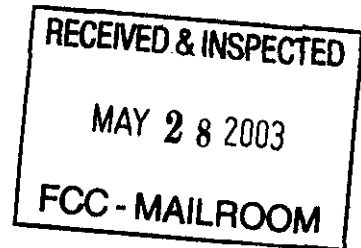
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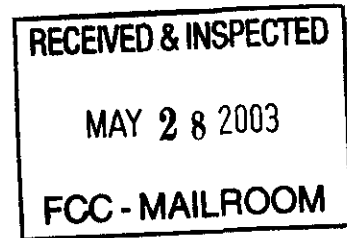
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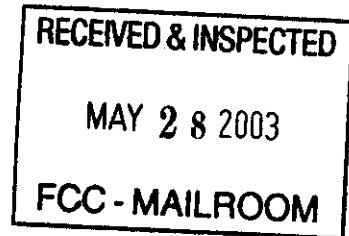
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May 9, 2003

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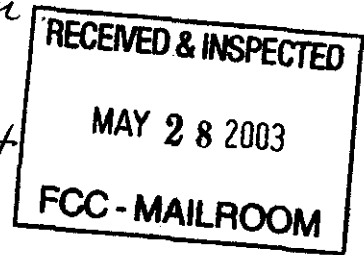
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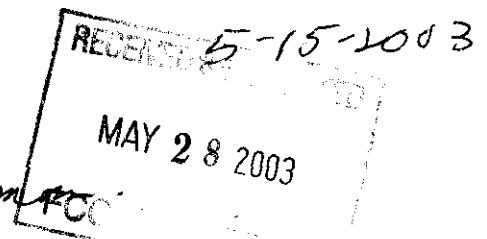
I urge you to vote against  
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I strongly urge you to vote  
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Yours sincerely,  
Theresa S. Boyce  
196 Buckingham Rd  
Scenery Hill, Pa  
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Mr. Michael Powell  
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May 11, 2003

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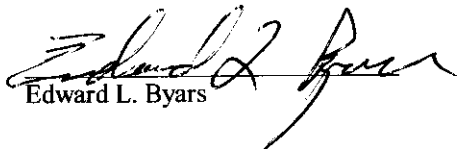
Dear Commissioner Martin:

I am writing you to voice my strong opposition to proposed FCC rule changes that would have the effect of easing media ownership regulations intended to prevent monopoly control of media outlets.

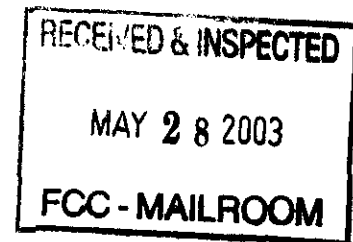
I have for many years been deeply concerned about the bias reporting of news by the major television networks. It is absolutely essential that the American public have access to independent and opposing viewpoints on the major issues that face our nation. Preventing monopoly ownership of TV, radio, and printed media outlets is central to preserving the public's access to information and facilitating a well rounded discourse and debate on issues of national interest.

I urge you to resist any relaxation of FCC rules that are designed to prevent monopolization of media ownership.

Sincerely,

  
Edward L. Byars

Francis M. Bushnell, Jr.  
4924 Cobbs Drive, Apt. 6B  
Waco, Texas 76710



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The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner  
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445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Copps,

**OPPOSITION TO RELAXING BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES**

Current broadcast ownership rules protect an element of American society that is so essential to our freedom: the communication of diverse ideas. Please do not relax the existing rules. Currently, the broadcast media already has too much strength in controlling information. Over the years, they have shown their proclivity for keeping opposing viewpoints off the air. I attach an opinion piece from the October 5, 1989, Wall Street Journal that reflects that intentional control even years ago.

Any further relaxation would add monopolistic strength to that idea control. You have the ability to prevent it. I ask you to please do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis M. Bushnell, Jr.".

Francis M. Bushnell, Jr.

Attachment



As long as the Soviet economy was completely controlled at the center, the absence of a real money merely caused a gradual decline in efficiency of your economy relative to the Western market economies. Now that you have decided to move toward growth and competitiveness with the West, opening up market opportunities

in advising the U.S.S.R.?

For one thing, I believe gold and other commodity-price signals have become much more important to U.S. policy making in recent years, as we have experienced inflation pains under a floating exchange-rate system. Gold, after all, remains the most monetary of all commodi-

expect the Soviet Union could step to the front of the line in seeking credit at the lowest possible interest rate. I would bet such bonds would be snapped up around 3%, which would be the lowest governmental interest rate on earth, including Japan's. As markets gain experience with Soviet gold-backed bonds, interest on the

questions of implementing market-oriented reforms leading to the role of prices in allocating resources will have to be revised that way. Monetary stabilization is likely to be a major factor on the

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## Journalists and Others for Saving the Planet

By DAVID BROOKS

At a recent environmental conference, Charles Alexander declared, "As the science editor at Time I would freely admit that on this issue we have crossed the boundary from news reporting to advocacy." After a round of applause from the gathered journalists and scientists, NBC correspondent Andrea Mitchell told the audience that "clearly the networks have made that decision now, where you'd have to call it advocacy."

At that point Washington Post editor Benjamin Bradlee chimed in, saying "I don't think there's any danger in doing what you suggest. There's a minor danger in saying it because as soon as you say, 'To hell with the news. I'm no longer interested in news, I'm interested in causes,' you've got a whole kooky constituency to respond to, which you can waste a lot of time on."

Mr. Bradlee is right. Probably a lot of "kooks" believe in objective journalism. But why shouldn't reporters lose their self-discipline when discussing the environment? Practically everybody else has.

Somehow the idea has gotten around that the environment isn't a normal political issue, but a quasi-religious crusade. As a result, public discussion of the environment has been about as rigorous as one expects from a jihad.

The shortcomings of advocacy were very much in evidence at the recent environmental conference, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. Held in the original museum buildings that celebrate the achievements of the Industrial Revolution, the meeting addressed the topic, "The Global Environment: Are We Overreacting?" Every other time I have been to a

conference organized around a question, there have been speakers on both sides. But not this time. Through the entire conference, not a single disagreement deflected the steady breeze of alarmism.

Perpetual apocalypses such as Lester Brown and Paul Ehrlich rattled off their anthems of doom (just as Rolling Stones rock through the tunes they originated 20 years ago). Speakers and panels moved briskly on and off the podium: an acid rain crisis, a toxics crisis, a famine crisis, a population crisis. The result was a smorgasbord of apocalypse.

On the subject of global warming, a frisky environmental policy analyst named Stephen H. Schneider presented the gloom and doom side of the global-warming debate. A number of scientists are more skeptical about global warming, such as Hugh W. Eilsaesser of the Livermore National Laboratory, Reid Bryson of the University of Wisconsin, Richard Lindzen of MIT, V. Ramanathan of the University of Chicago and Andrew Solow of the Woods Hole Institute of Oceanography. But they were not to be heard from.

The same sort of stage-managing prevailed among journalist speakers. Barbara Pyle, who is the head of Turner Broadcasting's International Documentary Unit, and who lists herself in her bio as an "internationally recognized environmental activist," appeared on a panel. Many reporters do not see the rules of objective journalism as obstacles to social progress. But they were not to be heard from.

The conference was co-chaired by the CEOs of ABC, NBC, CBS, Turner Broadcasting, Time Warner and the Los Angeles Times, the director of the New York Times and senior officers of other media institu-

tions (Dow Jones wasn't involved). Apparently none of these journalistic companies insisted upon diversity of opinion.

Several of the alarmist presentations were persuasive. For example, Susan Solomon of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spoke intelligently on ozone depletion. Edward O. Wilson was compelling on "Biological Diversity: The Extinction Crisis." But enlightenment was beside the point. The scientists were limited to 10 minutes, enough time to recite a few familiar facts and sum up with a grandiloquent plea for action (if you can't stand purple prose, don't go to an environmental conference).

Thomas Lovejoy, a tropical biologist who organized this conference, delivered a summary in which he eloquently encouraged the idea that we are in a planetary crisis. "The planet is about to break out with fever, and indeed it may have already," he said, "and we are the disease." Mr. Lovejoy's views are so chic he is puffed in the current issue of GQ.

What to do? George Woodwell, director of Woods Hole Research Center, argued that the world must phase out the use of fossil fuels. Ruth Patrick of the Academy of Natural Sciences said that mankind must do nothing less than "rethink our way of life." Mr. Lovejoy suggested that "we should be at war with ourselves and with our life styles." The anti-growth contingent also made its presence felt. Mr. Ehrlich declared, "We've already had too much economic growth in the United States. . . . Economic growth in rich countries like ours is the disease, not the cure."

These sorts of prescriptions made me think I should have done something violent

to the limos that were idling outside the conference dinner Friday night. Other than that, the conference offered no constructive prescriptions. Not too many politicians are going to go before their constituents and renounce economic growth.

A number of the people in attendance have in the past advocated politically realistic environmental proposals. But none of them rose to challenge the radicals, not even Sens. Timothy Wirth (D., Colo.) and John Heinz (R., Pa.), who sat as guardian lions at either end of the panels.

Here and elsewhere in the environmental debate, a form of Gresham's Law prevails. Apocalyptic predictions crowd out skeptical appraisals. Rabble-rousing eloquence crowds out measured discussion. Politically absurd cries for a Reformation of Human Society intermingle with politically realistic ideas.

The reporters who become advocates seem to think they are doing the environment a favor, but it is hard to see how. Because there has been so little critical scrutiny, the politically mainstream environmentalists don't feel compelled to separate themselves from the Greens who think human progress should have stopped in the 18th century.

Nobody seems to feel compelled to set some priorities, and declare that X environmental problem needs to be addressed before Y. Much of the political right feels spooked about environmental issues because it perceives all environmentalism to be corrupted by socialist command and controllers.

Just when it seems someone is about to get somewhere with intelligent environmentalism, 10 other people mount podiums and declare humanity a disease on the face of the earth.

Mr. Brooks is a Journal editorial writer.

## Hollywood, You Slay Me

By ROBERT H. KNIGHT

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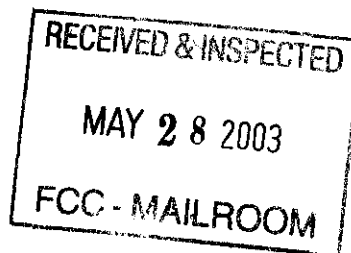
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## FCC Deregulation

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There are many reasons for why corporate control should be diminished. If one company can own a town's local newspaper, TV and radio stations, if national TV networks can merge their news operations, if nothing limits the size of these huge corporations, we will get a more limited view on the news. Issues that matter can be more easily buried or distorted, and differing viewpoints will not be heard. We don't need censorship to combat violent, sexist, racist, commercialized, or unoriginal media. We need access for independent producers to offer alternatives. We need choices, not more channels from the same owners. Fewer media companies means fewer jobs for media workers. Media ownership by people of color and women is down and getting worse as a result of consolidation. Without local owners and local newsrooms, media are disconnected from communities. Clear Channel radio uses digital tricks to make the same DJ sound local in dozens of different cities. The bigger these companies get, the more likely they are to cover local issues. With the recent wave of corporate malfeasance we need watchdogs now more than ever instead of media run by corporate people that's concerned only about their stock price. Ownership consolidation means fewer foreign news bureaus, investigative reporters, and resources for journalists. Media's main goal is

profit, which undermines any sense of public duty. If the corporate controls the media, they will put on what they want us to see. When the corporation advertise, they are brain washing us. They control what we wear, how we think, and how to spend our money. This is why I believe that corporate censorship should be diminished.

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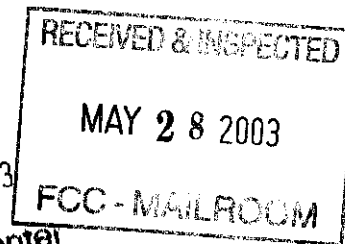
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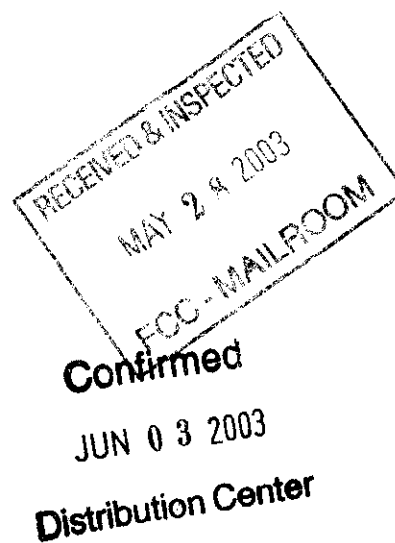
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**Opal N. Bogden**  
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May 23, 2003

Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554



Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today, because as a citizen of the United States I am gravely concerned about the proposed media ownership rule changes. I am likewise concerned because of:

- 1) Your refusal to make public the proposed changes.
- 2) Your refusal to provide 150 Congress members with a copy of the proposed changes which they have requested.
- 3) Your refusal to hold or attend public hearings on these issues.
- 4) Your refusal of the request of Commissioners Adelstein and Copps, and numerous Congress members to postpone the vote so that the issues can be explored in a way that is in keeping with the spirit of the laws of the United State.

While I understand you are relying upon current rules and the Republican majority of the FCC in the cowardly exercise of these refusals, these issues impact **every United States** citizen, and as such, should not be left to three Republican FCC commissioners to decide alone.

I have written to my Congressional representatives regarding my concerns. I know that I join thousands who respectfully request that you reconsider your position, provide the postponement and information which have been requested and allow these serious issues to be explored in the democratic arena.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. Budde".

Alyson Budde  
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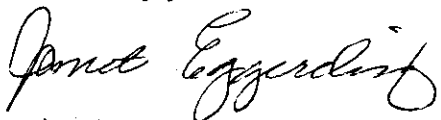
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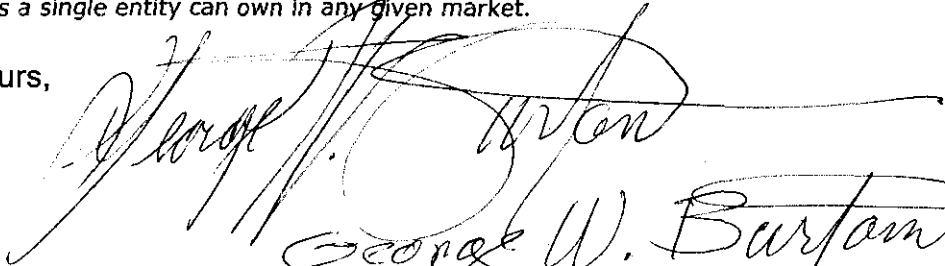
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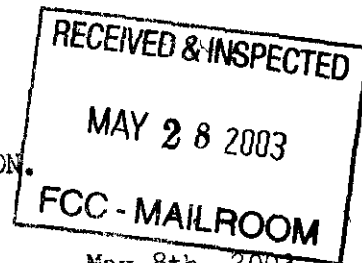
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May 8th, 2003.

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Dear Michael Powell:

As a nation we have just made an attempt to bring democracy to Iraq but are we guarding that democracy at home ?

On June 2nd, the Federal Communications Commission holds bi-annual meeting at which changes can be made in the apportionment of the frequencies of the air waves; these are the property of the citizens of the United States of America. Anyone can apply. Individuals and companies, such as Ted Turner, Rupert Murdoch, GE-NBC, Time Warner, Disney, the newspapers, TV stations and the like can be given the use of the frequencies, without inquiry or proper supervision of the citizenry who own it, and the apportionment may be done without any reference to the wishes and needs of the rightful owners, the American people. Three-quarters of the American public have not heard a word about this momentous procedure. The danger of consolidation is serious as once it is all in place it will be almost impossible to change.

But for the notable exception of PBS's Bill Moyers "NOW" programme the fact that little or nothing has appeared in the major or local press, or on TV is indicative of those who wish to hide their power. Every school child is taught that one of the great supports of democracy is a free and fluid press and newsmaking media. But where is the openness and freedom we need to keep the Republic healthy now and in the future ? Behind the scenes collusion over this issue is a first class route to dictatorship.

Time is of the essence. It is URGENT that all citizens write to their Senators and Representatives, also to Chairman Michael Powell of the FCC at 445, 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554, also his assistant, Mildred Dortch (Docket No. 20-277) - on line WWW.FEE.GOV/MB. Also write, call or e-mail the other members of the Commission - Republicans Kathleen Abernathy and Kevin Martin, and Democrats Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein to protest silence and demand an open and immediate forum for debate.

It is obvious that stalling tactics have put a damper on spreading the word. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO BE SO !!

Sincerely,

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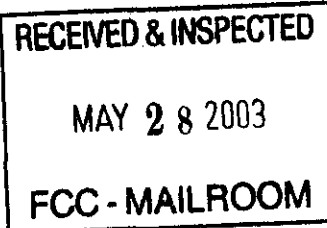
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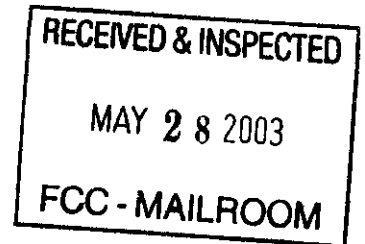
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